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"CB" Radios - They Serve A Purpose

Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Editor
Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Va. 24522
Dear. Mr. Vaughan:

There are and have been for some time pros and cons regarding Citizen Band radios. If I may, I would like to cite an instance when recently CB radio really served a purpose in our county.

A truck driver with a Citizen Band radio installed in his truck, passed through our county one day last week. He came upon an accident that had just occured and contacted a local person who also had a "CB" radio and within a matter of minutes first aiders and the local rescue squad were on the scene of the accident rendering first aid to the injured.

In spite of hard feelings some people might have regarding the Citizens Band radios, there is much that could be said about the good services they render.

Think about this before you **gripe** so much!

Sincerely,
Grover P. Beasley, Jr.

Toga Community

The James River Baptist Association held a conference September 8, 1975 for the Pastors and their wives at Union Baptist Church. It was well attended.

Officers elected were as follows: President, Rev. Hoyt O. Tench-Pastor Union and Antioch; Vice-Pres. Rev. Don Bryant, pastor of Goshen. Secretary Rev. F. N. Williams, pastor Gladstone and Liberty Chapel Churches.

Antioch Baptist Church will be having a Baptismal Service at Bethelhem Baptist Church on September 21 at 7:30 p. m. Candiates for Baptism are, Mrs. Elizabeth Plunkett, Sandra Plunkett and Athena Kitchen.

The Toga Volunteer Fire Department will have a Chicken Barbecue September 14 beginning at 5:00 p. m. Plates for Adults - $2.50 - Children $1.50.

Table will be provided to eat there or you can take it home. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the meal and befefit the Fire Department.

Mrs. Helen Paschell and daughter from North Carolina, visited in the home of her father, Mr. Floyd Rush last week end.

We are so glad to hear that Mr. Norvell Bagby is improving at McGuire Veterans Hospital. We pray he will soon be home.

Mrs. Janie Howe and Mr. Stevie Scruggs attended the wedding Saturday, September 6 of Miss Janet Paige Seay and Mr. Donald Eugene Horton at Bethel Methodist Church. After the wedding trip they will make their home in Farmville.

We wish them much happiness and success.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coleman, Jr. and family from Martinsville and Mrs. Margit Edwards and son from Richmond visited in the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coleman during the Labor Day week end.

Miss Betty Day and Mr. Burton Day spent the week end in the home of their father, Mr. V. B. Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Seay and family and Miss Debra Seay, Edwards visited in the home of Mrs. Janie Howe Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gentry of St. Albans, West Virginia and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bransford from Arvonis visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coleman. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. David Dobyns of Lynchburg.

Witnesses Will Meet In Lynchburg

Jehovah's Witnesses will once again assemble at the E. C. Glass High School on Memorial Avenue on Sept. 13 & 14 for a two-day program. The Watchtower Bible & Tract Soc. of New York will sponsor the event.

Over twenty convention departments, including many local residents, have been busy organizing for the coming gathering. The program is designed to give spiritual instruction and to show the application of Bible principles in this time in which we live. The highlight of the program will be the lecture, "How the Kingdom of God Affects You" to be given by Mr. P. A. Allen at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. This subject should be of interest to all since Christians pray for God's Kingdom in the Lord's Prayer. All sessions in addition to this lecture are free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Local meetings in the area will be cancelled due to the special program at Glass.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES VIRGINIAN

Services at Union Baptist Church September 14; Worship Service - 10 a. m.; Sunday school 11:00 A. M.

The Pastor Speaks

"Promises, Promises"

Someone has estimated that there are some 7,487 promises in the Bible made by God personally. These promises were especially given to the nation of Israel, through Abraham, a Promised Land, a promised son, Isaac, when this seemed impossible, and, most important, that through him all nations of the earth would be blessed. Finally, God promises Israel a Messiah of the line of David, a King, through whom kingdoms would become the Kingdom of God. The Old Testament people of God never quite understood God's rich promises. This honor and privilege also implied great responsibility. The promises of God find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. He is the one in whom the promises of God come true. In Jesus Christ, believers are promised first of all **LIFE.** There is life, promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. He said, "I am the way and the truth, and the life . . ." (John 14:6) The author of the Fourth Gospel says that "these things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ (that is to say the Messiah of the Old Testament promise), the Son of God, and that believing you may have **LIFE** in His name. (John 20:31). Jesus comes to bring us life **abundant** life (John 10:10), a life which is full, rich, meaningful. He refers to Himself as the Bread of Life (John 6:48) and The Resurrection and the Life, (John 11:25). When we get to know Jesus, when we allow Him to come into our lives as Saviour and Lord, then real life, abundant and eternal life, begins in us. it is not enough simply to believe in Jesus, we must receive Him by personal invitation. "As many as received Him to them He gave the power to become the Sons of God . . ." (John 1:12). The living presence of Jesus within our lives, when we receive Him, is the life-giving, powerful, and helpful presence of the promised Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul declared that for him to live was not religion, not to serve humanity, not even to be a Christian, but "to LIVE is Christ." Philippians 1:21. He that has the Son has Life; he that does not have the Son does not have Life. (I John 5:12)

Henry E. Riley, Jr., Pastor
Memorial United Methodist Church
Appomattox, Va.

The Sunday School Lesson

Comments by Herbert C. Bradshaw

Lesson for September 14, 1975

A Free, Yet Accountable Creature

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17;3

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. Galatians 5:13

Thomas Jefferson premised the Statute for Religious Freedom in Virginia on the magnificent thought, "We all aware that Almighty God hath created the mind free . . ." Here are succinctly expressed the source and the basis of all human freedoms. They derive from the fact that God created man free. Herein arises a question man finds difficult to answer: why should God have created man free if through freedom man can choose to be evil and thereby live and act contrary to God's will and purpose?

God created man free because He created him in the divine image. If man were not free, but had to live under a divine compulsion to be good, he would not be in the image of God. He would not be man, but an automaton. God made man free because He is free, and the source of freedom, and man, if he is made in the image of God, must be free.

A principal problem we have in dealing with freedom is our misunderstanding of the term. A dictionary definition mistakenly says that freedom is the absence of restraints. This is license, not freedom, for freedom is not absolute, or an extreme, but the golden mean between license and chaos on the one hand and slavery, oppression, and repression on the other.

When God created man free, He also created man responsible. Freedom and responsibility go hand in hand and balance each other. Man likes to stress his freedom and overlook and ignore his responsibility. Even in law, in our constitutional system, one person's freedom ends where another's rights begin. Such a balance is necessary if people are to live together in an order which prevents the strong from oppressing and destroying the weak. From a theological standpoint, to be made in the image of God also requires man to be made responsible, for God is a responsible Being.

The Scripture for this week's International Sunday School lesson relates how man lost not only his innocence but also his freedom through his exercise of that freedom. God knew when He was creating man free that He was creating him with the opportunity to choose evil as well as good. Only with this opportunity could, and can, a person be truly free.

In exercising his freedom to disobey God, man made himself a slave to sin. To live as though there are no restraints does not mean freedom but rather slavery to sin. Sin quickly gets such a hold on a person that only by a miracle can he be freed from that slavery, and that miracle can be wrought only by God. In our imperfect knowledge of the divine plan, we cannot say what God's intention was for created man's tenure on earth, but the Scriptures clearly teach that death is the consequence of sin. God is Life and wills life for those made in His image. Man through disobedience to God chose a course which leads inevitably to death and thereby put himself under the tyranny of sin and death.

It is the nature of human life that every individual lives in loyalty to some person, some cause, some ideal, some truth as he sees it as truth. But freedom is not just a choice between God and His way on the one hand and self and sin and evil on the other. True freedom is the opportunity to develop to one's highest potential, and this opportunity comes only through commitment to God.

There is no doubt that this is an age of demanding and assertiveness, sometimes even giving the impression that self and disregard for restraints of any kind are in order because such a course leads to destruction. John F. Kennedy, former president of the Union Theological Seminary, quoted the concept presented in the Preface to Christian Ethics: "One of the tragedies of Christianity is that the most fully free, and the most truly man, is the man who, in which his life is most completely captivity to the Lord." Paul boasted of his bondage as a Roman citizen and of his servanthood to Christ Jesus and this servanthood to God.

He demonstrated that freedom and spiritual maturity are not incompatible.

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Since Virginia is the first state to grow hogs commercially, and since Virginia is the first state to export pork products, and since Virginia Ham is a household phrase worldwise; we are asking that Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. declare October as official October Porkfest in Virginia.

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